

FARM NOTES.

It costs more to feed ducklings than chicks, but the ducklings grow twice as fast. A duckling of the Ping breed should weigh five pounds when 10 weeks old, while a chick will seldom reach two pounds at the same age.

Boric acid is valuable in various diseases of fowls. When afflicted with roup, give teaspoonful of the solution twice a day, pouring it down the throat. For cholera, mix equal parts of powdered boric acid and borax and administer a teaspoonful once a day.

It is always wise to keep some form of mulch about the roots of bearing trees rather than let soil from them, to choke and rob them. Even cut the weeds about the neighboring fields and place around the bases of the trees, or give them a share of the manure from the stable.

Carrots are not very nutritious, as they are composed mostly of water, but their value as food rests more upon their dietary effect on stock than as an addition to the ration. The dry food of cattle and horses in winter is somewhat constipating, hence any change to succulent food is an advantage in promoting digestion and assists in keeping the animals thrifty.

While some farmers are deploring the loss of profit on wool, the knowing ones are raising "hothouse," or early, lambs, and make more profit from one than they formerly did with half a dozen sheep kept for wool. They use the mutton breeds, attach but little value to the fleece and make larger profits from sheep than they have ever done before.

Protection from the cold is but one of the benefits from a windbreak on the windward side of an orchard. The lessening of the loss from windfalls must not be overlooked, nor the less liability of the trees to breakage. There follows, too, a more upright growth to the young trees. In addition there is a decreasing amount of evaporation from soil and vegetation.

It will not be very long before onions must be planted. As soon as the weather permits of so doing, the land that was manured last fall should be plowed under, and the more manure worked into the soil the better. This being done, spread some very fine and thoroughly decomposed manure over the ground, there to remain until ready for putting in the crop. By this careful preparation the yield will be large and the onions make rapid growth early in the season.

Hogs suffer with rheumatism, much like the superior man who eventually casts them. This trouble is usually attributed to pens that are either subject to draughts or damp. Evidently, therefore, this being the case, the proper thing is to remedy the defect by arranging the pens so that the floor is kept dry and that the pigs have a heavy bedding of dry material every night during cold or wet weather. Their water should also be scrupulously clean and no direct drafts of air should be allowed to blow over them at night.

Extremes are dangerous. One class of farmers do not feed enough for profit, especially after grain is gone, while the other class believes in the theory of "the more feed the more product." Both are wrong. An animal may consume more food than it can digest, making the product expensive. Feeding depends upon variety. Too much corn or ground grain in the summer season will cause bowel difficulty and an excess in winter, without the addition of bulky material, gives no corresponding benefit, as it is voided. Give the animals a sufficiency, but not exclusively of one kind of food.

As nearly all horses are troubled with indigestion, due largely to sameness in rations, and many are subject to attacks of colic, it is a good plan to have on hand some simple digestive which may be mixed with the feed given the horse. Horses that are subject to stomach disturbances should be given bran mash several times a week, at night, and oats should constitute a very considerable portion of their grain ration. In feeding the bran mash mix in each a tablespoonful of powdered charcoal. If the animal objects to it at first, reduce the quantity and then increase to the quantity named. Horses subject to colic should be carefully worked, and if such attacks appear with any regularity, daily exercise should take the place of work and the horse be treated by a veterinarian. Try this charcoal treatment, do it regularly, and you will find the digestive organs of the horse much improved.

If the method of testing ows could be made in a different manner, and, instead of recording the fact that some particular cow produced a large amount of butter per week, the test demonstrated the amount of butter produced according to a given proportion of food consumed, it would then be of no consequence whether a cow produced 10 pounds of butter per week or 20, provided she gave a large profit on the amount of food, capital and labor required for the production of the butter credited to her, whether her production be great or little, and, instead of tracing pedigrees to cows of large records, let the foundations be laid upon cows that are capable of yielding the greatest quantity at the least possible cost. A cow that is capable of assimilating a large quantity of food is a valuable one, but the quantity should be in proportion to the production of the animal, and until informed fully in regard to the true merits of the cow regarding her value (leaving out the question of the "fancy" or fictitious estimate) to the farmer as a machine for converting one kind of product into another, the tests are only matters of competition for notoriety, and afford no light on the actual merits of the animal for the purpose of the dairy.

Farm Animals in United States.

Year	Number	Head Value
1903	1,376,050	\$1,153,946,288
1902	1,377,916	217,532,582
1901	1,419,817	508,811,459
1900	1,510,528	715,378,134
1899	1,430,144	135,030,099
1898	1,009,267	89,254,627

Untold agony is what the woman suffers who can't get a word in edge-ways.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

To cultivate kindness is a valuable part of the business of life.—Johnson.

The soft white stocks still rules the neck-wear world.

Stains of oil and grease frequently may be removed from carpet by the brisk application of buckwheat flour, removing the flour as soon as it has absorbed the oil, or until the spots shall have completely disappeared. Whether the spots are made by milk, oil or grease, the process of removing them is practically the same; the surest method is by absorption. Another way is to cover the spots with wet fuller's earth, place a newspaper over this and let it stand for two or three days; then brush off the dry paste, and unless the stain was an old one it will have disappeared. In case there is any trace of the grease left repeat the operation. Should it be inconvenient to let the earth remain on the floor so long, stand a warm iron on the paper when it is placed over the fuller's earth, and the grease will be extracted in a few hours. Grease stains on marble may be subjected to this treatment: Dissolve a quarter of a pound of concentrated lye in half a pint of cold water; add to this enough whiting and fuller's earth—half of each—to make a thick paste. Spread a thick layer on the grease stain. Let it remain for several days then brush off. If any trace of the stain remains, wet the dry mixture with boiling water and put on another layer of the paste.

As to spots on varnish. Spots that are not too deep or of long standing may be removed with kerosene. Pour a little of the oil on the spot and rub with a piece of flannel. If the spot is deep and of long standing, rub it with linseed oil and powdered rottenstone. It seems hardly necessary to suggest that kerosene or like inflammable fluid should never be used near the fire or a light.

The chief point about a walking suit is the skirt—and the chief point about the new skirt this spring is its length.

When women first put on walking skirts they were only ankle length. Gradually they have grown longer—until this spring's skirts are as long as they can be without touching the ground.

The little jackets are mostly Eton with all the new trappings and braids—occasionally you will find a military coat or a fly-front jacket among them.

An excellent plan in a small house is to furnish two rooms in one tone, to give a greater idea of space and a less "patchy" effect.

A room situated so that it does not get any direct sunlight, but only reflected light, may be made more cheerful if the walls are covered with a paper that has a background of some delicate yellow shade. The painted woodwork should be of a creamy tint, and with yellow India silk or muslin draperies at the window one can almost imagine oneself in a room with a southern exposure.

So many different varieties of white material are to be seen as to make it quite certain white will be fashionable again this summer. The white linen and pique gowns of last year will be copied this season, and white corduroy that was so popular last summer is already in great demand now. Long coats are, 'tis said not to be so fashionable as short jackets, and yet the leading tailors are making up long coats in pique, linen and corduroy on exactly the same lines as last year. Of course, there are no end of smart little jackets as well, but the long coats were very useful, so becoming and smart it would be quite impossible to eliminate them from the complete outfit.

Heavy white costumes will be very smart, and these are made either after the long coat model or in some fancy design of short Eton bolero or pleated jacket. The latter must be carefully made so that the pleating will not get out of place when the coat is laundered or cleaned, for the rule is that a white frock shall always be immaculately fresh, necessitating constant trips to the laundry or cleaners.

Cut the pumpkin into inch cubes, removing the rind. To each pound allow half a pound of sugar and two ounces of whole ginger root. Put the pumpkin, sugar and ginger in alternate layers in a jar and let them stand three days, when a quantity of syrup will be formed. Pour all into a preserving kettle and boil slowly until the pumpkin looks clear. Store in small jars or glasses, covered with paraffin. This preserve strongly resembles ginger. It may be added to sauces and is very good when served with ice cream or frozen puddings.

You notice at midwinter dinner parties that efforts have been made to keep the table decorations as low as possible. The flowers are set in very low bowls of cut crystal or silver. High flower stands, tall vases and high cornucopias have vanished from the scene of hospitality. They say it is because the high screens of flowers would prevent one looking across the table and so interfere with the social gaiety; but it is far more likely that the low bowls are preferred to the high centerpiece because they are novel, and because high-built centre pieces of flowers have been used for so many seasons.

One always notices that the guests are seated in chairs with low backs. At dinners where the guests are seated close together it is difficult for even a trained servant to serve the varied courses if he has to stretch his arm over the shoulder of a guest seated in a wall-back chair.

Therefore dining table chairs are now made with backs quite low enough to permit smooth and rapid service of the waiter who serves your guests. If the seat of the chair is not too deep and the back is set sufficiently far forward the chair will feel comfortable to the diner-out, although the back is not very high.

Start Launching Grass, \$5,000 Great Cost Entailed by a Steamer Sinking on the Ways.

An effort made today morning to launch the Savannah Line steamer, City of Columbus, which stuck on the ways last week at Roach's shipyard. The ways were taken from beneath the hull and re-rolled and steam pipes have been run below the hull to prevent the tallow from freezing. It is believed that the ship will go off without trouble.

The failure of the City of Columbus to leave the ways last week has cost the builders from \$5,000 to \$6,000. It has also delayed the payment of \$40,000, to be made when the vessel is safely overboard.

Washingtonia.

—At the age of 17 George Washington wrote in his mother's Bible: "George Washington, son to Augustine and Mary his wife, was born ye 11th day of February, 1731-2, about 10 in the morning, and was baptized on the 3d of April following. Mr. Beverly Whiting and Capt. Christopher Brooks, godfather, and Mrs. Mildred Gregory, godmother."

—It is supposed that the Father of His Country-to-be omitted a numeral in the date of his baptism.

—His mother was left a widow at 37, with five children of her own. Her two step-sons were grown. George was 11 at the time.

—Washington's step-grandson (who was adopted) told a story of his proverbial truthfulness. A blooded sorrel colt, prized by Madame Washington because he'd been bred by her husband, had grown up unruly because he was so fierce. George decided to make the attempt. There was a wild struggle, and, making a desperate effort, the colt burst a blood vessel and fell dying to the ground. The boys, greatly alarmed, went in to breakfast. Madame Washington, asking after her blooded colt, as large as his sire? Embarrassment was general for a moment. Then George said: "Your favorite, Madame, is dead." Though grieved, she rejoiced in her son, "who always speaks the truth."

—When he left school he lived almost continually at Mount Vernon with his half-brother Lawrence, who took a great interest in him. Lawrence had married into the family of Lord Fairfax. Much of his courtly grace was acquired at their seat, Belvoir, as well as at Mount Vernon.

—Mount Vernon was called the Hunting Creek Estate, when Lawrence Washington inherited it from his father. He changed the name in order to call it after the gallant Admiral Vernon.

—This estate, when Washington came into it, along with the paternal plantation on the Rappahannock, made him one of the wealthiest Virginia land owners.

—He was public surveyor at 16, and a major (commissioned by Governor Dinwiddie), at 19.

—The residence of Daniel Parke Curtis, first husband of Martha Dandridge, was called the White House. George Washington lived there for a short time after their marriage, and from it the White House at Washington was named.

—Martha Curtis was not Washington's first love. He wrote sentimental verses to Mary Bland as a lad, and before he was 17 was enamored of the beautiful sister of the wife of George Fairfax. A few years later, on a literary errand to Boston, he was beguiled into marrying in New York, fascinated with Mary Phillips. While he was weighing the problem with his usual mathematical skill, Major Roger Morris captured this prize.

—It was "love at first sight" with Washington and Mrs. Curtis, who had been a widow one year, the richest one in Virginia.

—There was much company at Mount Vernon, especially during the hunting time. "With 101 cows, I am actually obliged to buy butter for my family," as his diary goes.

—Until the social and domestic life at Mount Vernon was disturbed by the ominous clouds of war, both the master and mistress arose at four, winter and summer, and retired at nine.

—After his seven o'clock breakfast of Indian cakes, honey and tea or coffee, he'd mount a horse and visit every one of his farms where work was in progress.

—When Patrick Henry and Edmund Pendleton, with Washington, were leaving Mount Vernon for the first Continental Congress, held at Carpenter's Hall, Philadelphia, Martha Washington said, as they rode away: "I hope you will all stand firm. I know George will." Still standing at the door, she added: "God be with you, gentlemen."

"The Bargain Hunters."

The Pittsburg Dispatch Makes a Great Hit With Novel Contest.

Much interest was excited in Pittsburg by the appearance of advertising in all the Pittsburg papers referring to "The Bargain Hunters." No person knew just what was meant; many thought it was a new book, but the mystery was dispelled by the publication of a large advertisement in The Pittsburg Dispatch and a most liberal display on the billboards of the city, as well as in the various stores interested, which announced that "The Bargain Hunters" was a novel contest ever given by a newspaper. Get in "The Bargain Hunters" contest in The Sunday Dispatch.

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A Subterranean Feast.

Chicago Press Club's Banquet Laid on Tables Three Blocks Long Under Bed of Streets.

A feast laid on a table three blocks long and forty feet under the streets was a feature of a novel banquet participated in at Chicago on Wednesday night by 600 people, the guests for the most part being members of the Chicago Press club and their ladies.

The banquet was given to the Press club by President Albert G. Wheeler and General Manager George W. Jackson, of the Illinois Tunnel company. The banquet was held in that portion of the company's underground workings lying on Jackson boulevard, between Franklin and Clark street.

In the twenty miles of tunnels now nearing completion, the company proposes to handle much of the Chicago freight traffic, as well as to operate a telephone system. A ride through three miles of the tunnels was given the guests before the banquet, the cars, running by electricity, making an average speed of twenty miles an hour.

The "banquet room" had an orchestra at both ends—one at Clark street and the other at Franklin. At Franklin street was also the culinary department. This was some distance from President Carr, of the Press club, who dined at the Clark street end, but as the table was equipped with a private telephone system, he, like others along the route, was able to make known his wants at the kitchen without delay.

Speeches were made by Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Carr during the banquet.

Purchased the Canal.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad is in full possession of that section of the Pennsylvania canal extending from a half mile above Northumberland to a point a mile this side of West Nanticoke. The final purchase was made at Harrisburg Friday, when the railroad company came into possession of all the rights titles and rents derived from that section of the canal.

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